

Preliminary Amendment dated September 28, 2006

**Remarks/Arguments**

Claims 1-15 are pending in the present application.

Claims 4-11 have been amended to eliminate multiple dependencies. Claims 12-15 have been amended to improve antecedent.

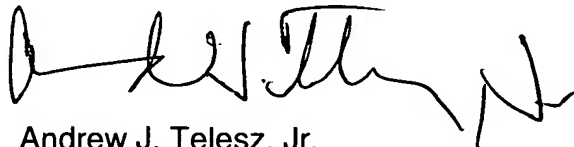
Favorable consideration and early allowance of the present application are earnestly solicited.

In the event that there are any outstanding matters remaining in the present application, please contact Andrew J. Telesz, Jr. (Reg. No. 33,581) at (571) 283-0720 in the Washington, D.C. area, to discuss these matters.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment for any additional fees that may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0238.

Respectfully submitted,

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. J. Telesz, Jr.', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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